

Read first and second times and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

On motion of Mr. Hyde, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow, 11 o'clock, A. M.

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WEDNESDAY, Jan. 23, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill to define the time of holding courts within the 19th Judicial District. Read first time.

On motion of Mr. Erath, rule suspended, bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill to appropriate the money arising from the University Land Sales, for the purchase of supplies and ammunition for the troops on the frontier. Read first and second time and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Potter introduced a bill supplementary to An Act to incorporate the Houston, Trinity and Tyler Railroad Company, and to the acts amendatory of and supplemental thereto. Read first and second time and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Herbert introduced a bill to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Columbus, San Antonio and Rio Grande Railroad Company, passed February 8, 1860. Read first and second time and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Guinn introduced a Joint Resolution against coercion by the Federal Government, or any combination of the States. Read first and second time and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill for the relief of Charles Clark. Read first and second times and referred to the Committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Whaley offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on the Militia, be instructed to enquire into, and report as early as possible, wherein the Militia law of the State is defective, and can be so amended as to be made efficient, and also what amount of money will be required for the purchase of arms and munitions of war, necessary to put the State in a position of complete defence. Adopted.

Mr. Throckmorton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That that 2500 copies of the Governor's Message and all accompanying Documents, be printed for the use of the Senate. Adopted.

Mr. Parsons offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing, be instructed to contract with the publishers of State Gazette and of the Southern Intelligencer, for ten copies of the weeklys of each of said papers, for each member of the Senate. Upon which the yeas and nays were called and stood as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Fall, Guion, Martin, Parsons, Paschal and Schleicher—9.

NAYS—Messrs. Erath, Gentry, Grimes, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Miller, Potter, Quinnan, Rains, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes and Whaley—15.

So the resolution was rejected.

Mr. Throckmorton offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Public Building Committee, enquire into the contract made with the contractors for roofing the Capitol, and report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock, A. M.

THURSDAY, January 24th, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment—prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Rains presented the memorial of R. W. Spradling praying for land. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, made the following report:

The Judiciary Committee have considered a bill to give additional time for holding the courts in the 20th Judicial District, and to change the time of holding courts in certain counties in said District, and recommend its passage.

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, the bill was taken up, read second time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule further suspended. bill read third time and passed.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill to provide for the sale of land ceded to the United States for Indian purposes, by act of the Legislature, approved February 6th 1854. Read first and second times and referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Miller offered the following resolution :